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Co-ops seek environmental decisions "in the public interest"

THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXCERPT FROM AN ADDRESS BY BOB BERGLAND, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE NATIONAL RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, AT THE 1992 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION IN RALEIGH.

The burning of fossil fuel — whether it's coal in a power plant, wood in a fireplace, gasoline in an automobile, or the Brazilian rain forest — releases carbon dioxide, a natural by-product of fire. Release of carbon dioxide is changing the chemistry of the atmosphere. About that there is not much argument.

The argument is whether the increase of greenhouse gases is going to lead to a substantial warming of the globe, creating rain where there has been none and drought where there has been rain, making huge changes that could drastically — and in a devastating fashion — alter the climate on a worldwide basis.

There is a tendency to believe that all will be well if we stop burning coal in U.S. power plants. The truth is that the burning of coal in U.S. power plants contributes far less than three percent of the discharge of carbon dioxide on a global basis.

Nevertheless, global climate change has become an issue inspiring huge international debate.

In the context of that debate, we in the rural electric cooperatives are supporting a policy developed by the Bush administration — the "policy of no regrets." It calls for greater efficiency and conservation, more research and more reforestation.

We believe global climate change is a matter that needs attention, but it must be tended to on an international scale. You cannot cure the problem simply by shutting down coal-fired power plants in the U.S. and let the rest of the world do its thing.

Another environmental concern is the ozone "hole" phenomenon. Scientists have discovered that part of the shield that protects us from the devastating rays of the sun is in jeopardy because of refrigerant fluids called CFCs — the gases found in the cans where you press the button and the gas drives the contents out. The problem is that no one knows for sure. But concern about the rising incidence of skin cancer has stirred us to become involved in the effort to find an appropriate answer.

We also are engaged in the beginning stages of a battle over the Endangered Species Act. It's an environmental matter in which there are strong opinions about what we should do to protect some of the endangered species in the U.S. and around the world.

It doesn't help that we have created confusion in the way various species are designated for protection. For example, in the Columbia River, the squawfish is bountied — you collect a bounty if you kill them because the squawfish eat the small young fish of the salmon species. But in the Colorado River, the squawfish is an endangered species and is protected.

Over the next two years, we can expect the country to be focused on the question of whether the law protecting endangered species should be extended. Those of us in the utility industry will be very much affected by this, because it will determine if we can build a transmission line extension where it's needed and how we must build it. It will also affect how we select a site for a power plant or a transmission system.

In the past year many Americans have become especially interested in acid rain. The business of burning coal and discharging sulfur dioxide, creating a change in the chemistry of rainfall, is a matter of great importance and great expense. Laws were passed, and the utilities offered information in the process so as not to produce exorbitantly costly results.

But the laws are in place and the electric utility industry is going to have to spend a lot of money, especially in the older coal-fired power plants, in order to bring them into compliance with the new laws.

Meanwhile, the extension of the Clean Water Act will come up for discussion in Washington this year and next year. No one, of course, wants to poison the rivers. But the Clean Water Act goes beyond the control of the discharge of toxic water into rivers. The review of the law will go into the matter of how entire rivers are managed.

More than 1,500 dams are now in service on U.S. rivers. They were installed for power production, flood control, recreation or all of the above. The mission of these dams is at stake in the discussion of the act's extension.

Bob Bergland

The fights will be about whether a dam should continue to function as intended, or whether river flows should be changed or dams removed. The fight will involve powerful forces who believe river systems should serve other purposes than they do now.

The rural electric co-ops will be heavily involved in this debate, and Congress will listen closely to our people. We must deliver specific recommendations to Congress.

This debate will also raise questions about how we store materials, such as diesel fuel and gasoline in underground tanks. These things have to be inspected regularly, and for good reason, because there have been instances where gasoline has leaked and gotten into the underground water supply.

In the next year or two, the nation's co-ops will devote much of their attention to these environmental matters. They are matters on which the Congress in some cases will be forced to take action.

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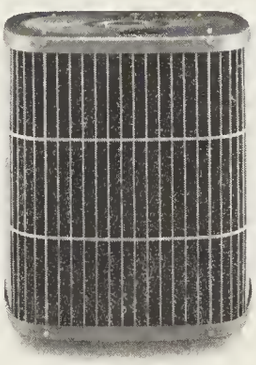

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JOHN EVERS WATERCOLOR OFFERS SCENIC VIEW OF HIGH ROCK LAKE

"High Rock Reflections," a watercolor by Lexington artist John Evers, is reproduced on our cover this month. The painting offers a scenic view of High Rock Lake in Davidson County.

Evers, a former mental health therapist who has been an elementary school art teacher since 1987, regularly donates his artwork to state and local charities. He frequently hosts art shows to raise money for charities.

The Robeson County native received a 1990 North Carolina Governor's Award for Volunteer Service. Earlier, he was cited for volunteer service by the Davidson County United Way, Delta Sigma Theta fraternity and Cystic Fibrosis of North Carolina. In March of this year, he was one of 10 "unsung" heroes honored by WFMY-TV (Channel 2), Greensboro, in the station's annual "2 Those Who Care" awards program.

Evers, a former consumer-member of Davidson Electric Membership Corporation, Lexington, is offering limited edition prints of "High Rock Reflections" for $50 plus $3 for state sales tax and $5 for shipping. The signed-and-numbered prints feature an image size of 14 1/2 x 17 inches.

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"Is it warm here, or is it just me?"

BY MICHAEL E. C. GERY

Forecasters haven't yet predicted June weather conditions for Rio de Janeiro, but the global warming phenomenon may make Brazil's early winter warmer than usual.

Perceived change in the global climate will be high on the agenda in June when delegates from throughout the world gather in Rio for the United Nations Earth Summit. Chances are the debate will be as heated at the event as it has been elsewhere.

Some scientists, politicians and environmentalists warn of rising air temperatures, melting glaciers, coastal flooding, famine, and chaos within the biological world. Others say none of those warnings is based on adequate evidence, and the world is adjusting to climate change — as it has for centuries.

As a political issue, global climate change transcends the geographic and political boundaries which traditionally defined environmental problems. This is not a matter of local smog.

But the policies coming from such gatherings as the Earth Summit, and their counterparts in Washington and the state capitals, could have significant regional impacts, particularly within the energy industry. If stricter emission controls are placed on today's power plants because of their effects on the globe's atmosphere, for example, the cost of energy will climb.

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association is paying close attention to the global climate change issue on behalf of co-ops across the country, whose generating and transmission co-ops rely on coal-fired plants for about 80 percent of their power. NRECA's chief Bob Bergland told the organization's annual meeting in February, "Our job in the next year or two will be to help keep the Congress from doing something dumb."

THE GREENHOUSE EFFECT

It may be difficult to decide what to do about global warming — or, as it's also called, the greenhouse effect, and perhaps more precisely, global climate change — but understanding the phenomenon is simple.

The atmosphere that blankets the earth controls earth temperature significantly. Without our atmosphere of water vapor clouds and gases, earth would be a lot colder than it is. Think of the cold moon, which receives solar radiation as earth does but has no similar atmosphere.

After the sun's heat passes through the atmosphere, a large amount of it is trapped on the earth's surface by the atmosphere itself. That trapping is called the greenhouse effect, because it is similar to greenhouse glass allowing heat in but preventing much of it from leaving the building.

The earth's greenhouse effect is a natural occurrence. What worries some observers is the extent to which human activity has artificially added to the greenhouse effect.

Studies of the earth's surface temperature do show a slight warming trend over the past 50 to 100 years — not enough to prove a theory, but enough to raise questions:

What is causing the warming?

Will the warming continue?

And, the most difficult question of all: What should we do about it?

An accepted answer to the first question is: Human activity has caused the warming. Such activity ranges from destroying Amazonian rain forests to congregating in cities that cause "urban heat islands."

However, the burning of fossil fuels — including coal, wood, and petroleum products — is considered a major contributor to global climate change. Burning such fuels produces gases which add to those already in the earth's atmosphere, creating a super-greenhouse effect beyond what occurs naturally.

Carbon dioxide (CO_2) is the primary gas emitted from burning fossil fuels. While not considered a pollutant (indeed, CO_2 is an essential compound in photosynthesis), the gas has an effect on how earth's atmosphere functions.

As delegates from more than 130 nations prepared to meet in Brazil to try to draft a plan for countering global climate change, only the United States

the world's largest producer of CO_2 emissions) resisted an agreement on limiting the amount of CO_2 emissions from whatever source. The Bush administration has stood alone in asserting that nations should establish their own limits rather than be restricted to international limits, which may make no sense to them individually.

"The treaty that the United States is advocating," wrote Betsy Carpenter recently in *U.S. News and World Report*, 'would, in place of immediate emission caps, require every signatory to come up with some strategy — tailored to its own economic self-interest — for trimming worldwide emissions of heat-trapping gases. For instance, Brazil might agree to cut greenhouse emissions by burning less of its rain forests, while Japan might build additional nuclear power plants as well as supply energy-efficient technologies to the developing world."

WHERE'S THE PROOF?

The main argument against enacting immediate countermeasures to global climate change, such as massive curtailment of greenhouse gas emissions, is that science has not provided enough information.

But many scientists and politicians don't want to wait for proof.

Says Robert Bruck, plant pathologist at North Carolina State University and the governor's scientific adviser on the environment: "It may be impossible to prove there's a problem until the problem actually happens. Then it may be too late to do anything."

A series of reports issued in 1991 by the National Academies of Sciences and Engineering are considered the documents in which "the experts speak" on the subject. The reports were produced after years of study requested by Congress.

Here are some of main findings and conclusions of the reports:

- The earth's surface temperature has risen about a half-degree Centigrade during the past 100 years.
- The earth experienced a cooling trend from 1940 to 1970.
- After adjusting for ocean temperatures and other variations, 1989 was the warmest year on record, with 1988 second and 1987 third. [Since the report, 1990 assumed the No. 1 rank, according to the agency that provided data for the National Academies' study.]
- A continuing rise in atmospheric CO_2 could warm the world by 1 to 5 degrees C (2.12 to 10.6 degrees F) over the next 50 to 75 years.
- Volcanic eruptions send materials into the atmosphere which cause significant global cooling.
- "Imminent catastrophe," such as a large change in ocean currents or sea level, is not likely.
- There is insufficient information to explain the historical change in the earth's climate.

Temperature change may seem to be convincing evidence of a changing global climate, but the scientific community largely agrees that existing methods are inadequate for predicting the timing or extent of the change.

For example, computer projections cannot accurately predict the moderating effects ocean temperatures have o

Solar heat penetrates the earth's atmosphere, which consists of water vapor clouds, carbon dioxide and other "greenhouse gases." The atmosphere reflects some of the heat back to earth, creating the greenhouse effect.

the rest of the globe, nor can they forecast volcanic eruptions or changes in human, industrial and plant activity which can cause changes in the greenhouse effect.

Two of the researchers in the National Academies study, climatologists Philip D. Jones and Tom M. L. Wigley, concluded: "these uncertainties must not be used as excuses to delay formulating and implementing policies to reduce temperature increases caused by greenhouse gases. . . . A policy of inaction would be justified only if researchers were sure that the greenhouse effect was negligible."

SOLUTIONS EXIST

Proposals to slow global climate change generate most of the heat in the debate.

There are basically two camps suggesting policies for combatting global climate change: one advocates the "precautionary principle," which urges immediate investment in an insurance policy against further environmental degradation; the other is the "no-regrets" camp, which seeks to avoid an economic shock by employing existing technology to reduce environmental problems, and promote conservation and efficient use of fuels.

The precautionary approach assumes global climate change already has contributed to tumultuous problems, such as famine in Ethiopia and crop failure in Haiti, and says corrective steps must be taken immediately.

A vocal leader of this camp is Tennessee Senator Al Gore, who plans to be in Brazil in June to argue for swift, radical action to slow global climate change. He summarizes his aim in these words: "We must make the rescue of the environment the central organizing principle for civilization."

The Bush administration and the utility industry, among others, call for wider use of technology to combat climate change rather than halting the wheels of industry as we know it.

The most controversial proposal to counteract global climate change is to tax or otherwise limit CO_2 emissions from the industrial plants and vehicles. Such proposals are now before the U.S Congress, as well as the U.N. Summit.

In a report to Congress in late March, President Bush summarized hi administration's view on the issue: "A exclusive focus on targets and timetables for carbon dioxide emissions is in adequate to address the complex dynamics of climate change."

ELECTRIC UTILITIES AND GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

The energy industry receives its share of blows for causing industrial CO_2 emissions from oil-, diesel- and coal-burning power plants.

Although sometimes accused of foot-dragging, the industry as a whole embraces strategies for protecting the environment and publicly supports measures promoting greater energy-efficiency, conservation, and non-polluting fuels.

Frederick D. Palmer of the national coal supply cooperative Western Fucls Association points out that federal policy demanded a switch to coal or nuclear power plants during the oil crisis of the early 1970s. Since 1973, he says, 280 coal-fired generating plants have been built in 36 states.

Placing further restrictions on emissions from coal plants is economically dangerous, Palmer says.

Instead, Palmer argues, the energy industry should put science to work for the well-being of both the industry and the environment. He says producing energy by cleaner methods and using energy more efficiently are very practical goals for the industry.

The electric utility industry obviously has a stake in the debate on global climate change. While most utilities rely on fossil fuel-powered generating facilities for their power supply, they realize that increased use — and more efficient use — of electricity is proposed as a sure means of curbing greenhouse gas emissions.

As energy consultant Mark Mills says in the Journal of Commerce, "Making a pound of steel in an electric mill instead of a coal-fired blast furnace would use only half as much fuel, and would save two pounds of emissions."

The Bush Administration's representative on climate change issues, plant scientist Gary R. Evans of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, stresses that "electricity is the cleanest way we know to utilize energy. We need to look at new, creative ways to generate it and transmit it."

The National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association supports the Bush administration's policy of allowing technological ingenuity to tackle the global climate change problem.

The rural electric co-ops' national organization promotes greater energy-efficiency in appliances and vehicles increased conservation among all energy users, greater respect for the rol of forests in absorbing CO_2 emissions, and more research into environmental change and the technology that can protect the environment.

[See "Our View," page 4 for a related editorial.]

Environmentalists blame the auto-
ıobile and energy industries for pro-
ucing excessive CO_2 emissions. Yet
ıe industries agree that more fuel-effi-
ient, less-polluting vehicles (or better
et, electric-powered vehicles) would
ıprove the atmosphere immensely;
ıe disagreement lies in the timetable
nd technologies for producing them.

One idea that has gained favor is
ıis: We must improve today's tech-
ologies to help solve the global cli-
ıate change problem.

There are many technological ad-
ances proposed to aid the global envi-
ınment. At the high end is "geo-engi-
eering," which involves such
ıeasures as introducing dusts or gases
) the atmosphere that would counter
ıe build-up of CO_2 and other green-
ouse gases. At the low end are more
ınventional ideas, such as widespread
lanting of hardwood forests to absorb
O_2 and following well-known energy
conservation habits.

The Electric Power Resea·h Insti-
tute, the utility industry's resea·ch arm,
says implementing energy-effic·ency
measures in new and old buildings
could reduce overall power use by as
much as 50 percent by the year 2000.
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descent lighting with fluorescent
lamps, shading windows with vegeta-
tion, painting rooms and siding white,
increasing insulation, installing low-
flow water devices, and adding heat
pumps and insulated windows.

While these and other proposals for
chipping away at global environmental
problems may seem very simple, there
are hidden complexities. Most chal-
lenging is convincing the world's many
developing nations of the need to re-
verse environmental degradation.

And here at home, something as
sensible as switching to compact fluo-
rescent bulbs is not as easy as it
sounds. While the light they cast looks
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can buy in a supermarket, have you
tried to find a bulb for a fluorescent
floor lamp in your supermarket? If you
could find it, would you buy one for
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save you $15 on your electric bill in
less than a year?

Stimulating more energy conserva-
tion while producing more energy-effi-
cient buildings, appliances, vehicles
and other energy users is seen as the
most effective one-two punch in fight-
ing a fossil fuel-hungry economy. An-
other is to generate energy from non-
polluting, renewable sources such as
solar heat, wind, river and tidal cur-
rents, or from the earth's heat itself.

As NCSU's Bob Bruck says, "Then,
even if the global climate doesn't
change as much as they say it will, at
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GREENE COUNTY STUDENT SELECTED FOR NATIONAL FORUM

A Greene County eighth-grader represented North Carolina at a Washington forum designed to introduce American youths to the workings of the federal government.

Amanda Suggs of Waltonsburg was one of 51 students selected for the five-day RespecTeen National Youth Forum, which involved representatives from each state and the District of Columbia.

More than 11,000 candidates applied for the all-expense-paid program sponsored by the Lutheran Brotherhood. The youth forum is in its fourth year of arranging the tours for students, who are accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Amanda Suggs, the daughter of Alfred and Linda Suggs of Waltonsburg, attends Greene County Middle School.

Amanda Suggs

Participants in the tour are chosen on the basis of a letter each student wrote to a member of the U.S. Senate or the U.S. House of Representatives. A panel of educators evaluated the letters for their quality and clarity of thought, argument, supporting data, expressions, sincerity and originality.

Amanda Suggs wrote to North Carolina Sen. Terry Sanford about cruelty to animals. She reported examples of inhumane treatment of animals, quoted figures on the use of animals for school-based experiments and suggested alternative means of researching human illness.

"We cannot realistically rely on animal tests to cure our ills, and our blind faith exacts a high price, in funding, in lives, and in spirit," she said, calling on the senator to introduce legislation that would stop these practices and make "the laws more compact and enforceable."

While in Washington, the RespecTeen program participants traditionally meet with their representative in Congress while also visiting various Washington landmarks.

CO-OP VETERAN TAKES REINS AT HAYWOOD EMC

E L. Ayers, a veteran of 32 years in rural electrification, has been named chief executive officer of Haywood Electric Membership Corporation, Waynesville, succeeding John W. Browning, who took early retirement last fall.

Ayers, who joined the co-op as interim manager in November, has been appointed executive vice president and general manager.

Before accepting the interim post, Ayers served for 19 years as general manager of Fairfield Electric Cooperative in Winnsboro, S.C. His career also included 13 years on the staff of Central Virginia Electric Cooperative in Lovingston, Va.

E.L. Ayers

While at Fairfield, the co-op's membership grew from 7,500 to 15,000, annual revenue rose from $1.6 million to $16.6 million, and member equity increased from 18 per cent to 40 percent.

A graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Ayers was instrumental in organizing CEEUS, a central purchasing and materials supply service owned and operated by South Carolina electric cooperatives. He served on the

board and executive committee of CEEUS and Central Electric Power Cooperative, a generation and transmission agency serving 15 co-ops in South Carolina. He is a past president of both of these organizations and of the Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina, Inc.

Ayers also was chairman of Palmetto Economic Development Corporation, a joint effort of 15 co-ops to promote economic development in co-op service areas. His involvement in civic affairs included memberships in the Rotary Club, Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce Committee of 100, Greater Columbia Economic Development Committee, the board of Fairfield Memorial Hospital and the Board of Fairfield Country Club.

An Army veteran who achieved the rank of captain, he was active in the Army Reserve for many years and was commander of a field artillery battery when he was discharged.

John Browning

Browning, who had been CEO at Haywood since 1974, came to the EMC after nine years as director of member and community services with Four County EMC, Burgaw. He served as president of the West Haywood United Way, the Greater Haywood County Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Waynesville.

During his tenure at Haywood, the co-op's membership grew from 7,400 to 16,000. Its territory covers portions of Haywood, Buncombe, Transylvania, Jackson and Macon Counties in North Carolina and portions of Oconee County, S.C. and Rabun County, Ga.

Browning was actively involved in the North Carolina statewide organization of electric co-ops, having served on its three boards and various committees. He is past president of Tarheel Electric Membership Association.

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EMC MANAGER ELECTED TO TOP STATE CO-OP COUNCIL POST

The manager of Roanoke Electric Membership Corporation, Rich Square, has been elected chairman of the board for the North Carolina Cooperative Council.

Eugene W. Brown Jr., who is also president of the co-ops' N.C. Electric Membership Corporation, was elected during the council's 1992 annual meeting.

Also elected were Tom Emerson of North Central Farm Credit, ACA, Greensboro, first vice chairman; and David Jones, Dairymen, Inc., Greensboro, second vice president. F. Carlyle Teague serves as president of the council, which is headquartered in Raleigh.

DAHLE CITED FOR TEACHING PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATIVES

A professor at North Carolina State University has been honored for his 20 years of educating students and adults about the guiding principles of cooperative businesses.

Robert D. Dahle, Ph.D, who retired in March after 27 years on the NCSU faculty, was cited by the N.C. Cooperative Council at the organization's 1992 annual meeting.

Dahle, who was an extension economist specializing in business management, cooperatives and economic development, conducted workshops and conferences for the council and provided assistance for its various programs.

He was cited for his service as the "backbone of cooperative education in North Carolina."

The council presented him with a plaque and also made a contribution in his name to the Harry B. Caldwell Endowment of the N.C. Agricultural Foundation.

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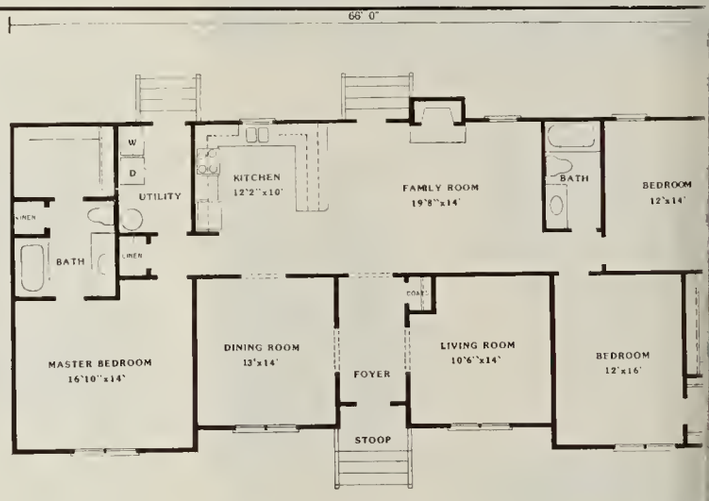

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INANCING PROGRAM EXPANDED FOR "MICRO-SIZED" BUSINESSES

Business men and women in 34 predominantly rural counties can now qualify for an innovative financing program aimed at purring the development of "micro-zed" enterprises.

The program, which has been of-ered in four other North Carolina loca-ons since its began operating in 1989, ecame available at five new sites as of lay 1.

Expansion of the site list was an-ounced jointly by Daniel T. Blue Jr., eaker of the N.C. House of Repre-ntatives, and Billy Ray Hall, presi-ent of the Rural Economic Develop-ent Center, which was organized with sistance from the state's electric co-os.

Each site for the Microenterprise oan Program is operated in coopera-on with local institutions. (See box)

"A paramount strength of North arolina has always been — and con-nues to be — our entrepreneurs," id Blue, noting that nearly a third of e state's wages come from businesses ith fewer than 10 employees. "I be-eve that the Microenterprise Program ovides a stepping stone for small siness people, helping guide them to the economic mainstream."

The purpose of microenterprise nding, Hall said, is to put business llars in the hands of people with und ideas for small business start-s and expansions.

"We're talking about people who can pport themselves and their families running an auto repair shop or man-ing a day care center or making a aft," he said. "Often these folks don't ve the collateral, credit histories, and management experience t. get a loan from a traditional lending institution. That's where the Microenterprise Loan Program can provide a boost."

The program is administered through the N.C. Rural Center, a non-profit research and policy organization. Its director is William J. Bynum.

Bynum says that the strength of the program is that it offers eligible borrowers a combination of financial and technical assistance. In addition to receiving a small loan, generally in the range of $1,500 to $20,000, a borrower gets advice from local experts on how to plan and manage a successful business.

As of February 1992, the program had made loans totalling nearly $750,000 to 124 businesses in 20 rural counties. The goal for next year is to add nearly 300 new borrowers with a total capital distribution of about $700,000.

Funds for the program have come from several public and private sources. The N.C. General Assembly appropriated $500,000 in 1988 to test the microenterprise program. As a result of its performance, the lawmakers provided an additional $650,000 in funds in 1991 to be used for program expansion.

Other funds have come from the Ford, Charles Stewart Mott, Z. Smith Reynolds and Mary Reynolds Babcock foundations. IBM and others have donated equipment and technical assistance.

For additional information, contact the agency serving your region or the N.C. Rural Center, Four North Blount St., Raleigh, N.C. 27601. Phone: (919) 821-1154.

MICROENTERPRISE CENTERS SERVE 34 RURAL COUNTIES

The new Microenterprise Loan Program sites and their operators include:

- The Yadkin Valley Economic Development District, Inc. in Booneville, serving Surry, Stokes, Yadkin and Davie Counties.
- Gateway Community Development Corporation in Henderson, serving Person, Granville, Vance, Warren and Franklin Counties.
- West Greenville Community Development Corporation in Greenville, serving Pitt and Martin Counties.
- Dillard Business and Technology Center in Goldsboro, serving Sampson, Duplin, Wayne, Johnston and Green Counties.
- Southeastern Community College in Whiteville, serving Robeson, Bladen, Columbus and Brunswick Counties.

The four other sites are:

- Mountain Microenterprise Fund in Black Mountain, serving Buncombe, Haywood, Mitchell and Yancey Counties.
- McDowell Small Business Center at McDowell Technical Community College in Marion, serving McDowell, Polk, Rutherford, Avery, Mitchell and Yancey Counties.
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FROM MECKLENBURG AND CHATHAM COUNTIES

Two new cookbooks serve up church recipes

The historic Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Huntersville, Mecklenburg County, published a cookbook this year. It is the first cookbook published in the church's 230-year history.

Cookbook committee chairwoman Betty O. McCall says the book offers to a wider public many of the church's famous lunch recipes.

"We have developed a reputation as the place in North Meck to come for lunch when on a tour, so we get to use our special recipes often," McCall says. "Since our church is located across from the entrance to Latta Place Plantation Park, we have tour groups visit our church throughout the year."

Hopewell Presbyterian Church is located at 10500 Beatties Ford Road in Huntersville, 12 miles north of Charlotte. The Latta Place Plantation restoration and park is open Wednesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Both the church and the plantation are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The church cookbook includes the gingercake recipe used by Jane Latta, the lady of the plantation in the 1700s. It also includes a punch recipe to serve 100, used at the church since the 1930s, as well as the recipes for rolls served at all Hopewell's luncheons.

Hardback covers and a comb binding enclose the 278-page cookbook. Historical sketches appear on the divider pages. There is an index.

Copies cost $14.95 each, plus $2.50 for postage and handling. Checks payable to Hopewell Presbyterian Women may be sent to Hopewell Heritage Cookbook, 10500 Beatties Ford Rd., Huntersville, N.C. 28078.

Here are some samples from the book:

Jane Knox Latta's Gingercake

1 cup sugar
1 cup lard or vegetable shortening
4 eggs
2 cups molasses
1 teaspoon soda
2 teaspoons ginger
Approximately 4 cups all-purpose flour (enough to make a stiff batter)
1 cup milk

Beat sugar and shortening thoroughly. Add eggs and molasses. Sift soda, ginger and flour together. Add flour mixture and milk. Spoon batter into a well-greased 9-by-13-inch pan plus an 8-by-8-inch pan. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 20 to 30 minutes or until cake tests done.

No-Knead Rolls

2 cups hot water
½ cup butter or margarine
½ cup sugar, divided (1/2 teaspoon to be used for proofing yeast)
1 ½ teaspoons salt
2 packages (or 2 tablespoons) yeast
½ cup warm water
6 cups bleached flour, all-purpose, or bread flour

Melt butter in the two cups of hot water, stir until all is melted, add suga and salt. Cool slightly. While this is cooling, put yeast in large bowl with ½ cup warm water and add ½ teaspoon sugar to proof (about 5 minutes). Add the butter-water to the yeast, stir well. Add flour, 2 cups at a time, stirring well after each addition. Dough will be very soft. Brush top with more melted butter and cover with light towel to ris until doubled. Punch down and make rolls into desired shapes. Let rise 30 t 45 minutes. Brush top again with butter. Bake in muffin tin or cookie sheet 12 to 15 minutes at 400 degrees or un til lightly browned.

Ham Salad Filling

1 cup ground fully cooked ham
⅓ cup finely chopped celery
2 tablespoons drained pickle relish
½ teaspoon prepared horseradish (mor if desired)
¼ cup mayonnaise

Combine all ingredients. Spread be tween buttered bread slices. Cut in halves, or in fancy shapes, if desired. Yields 1 ½ cups.

OM THE MOUNT VERNON NITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Mount Vernon United Methodist Church in Siler City recently published the third ition of its cookbook.

Compiled by Linda Fields and "the lies of the church," the project will nefit the church building program d the mission work of the United ethodist Women.

The book contains 700 recipes on 8 pages. Also included are an index, eese guide, terms used in recipes, asoning guide, calorie-counting art, instructions on cooking times l food storage, and hints on cooking l carving meats.

The Mount Vernon United Methodist urch will turn 160 years old in June.

out 50 members' households are ved by Central Electric Membership rporation, Sanford.

The books cost $8 each, plus $1.50 postage and handling. Checks vable to Mt. Vernon UMW may be t to Linda Fields, 811 Driftwood ve, Siler City, N.C. 27344.

Here are some samples from the ok:

's Parmesan Potatoes

edium potatoes
up flour
up grated Parmesan cheese
up margarine, melted

Peel and quarter potatoes, then se in cold water and drain. Mix the ur and cheese. Place the mixture l potatoes in a bag and shake until atoes are well coated. Place in a serole pan and pour melted mar- ine over potatoes. Bake at 350 de- es for an hour. Turn potatoes once ing baking.

Hot Chicken Salad

½ cup chopped onions
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
½ cup chopped celery
2 cups cooked chicken, chopped
½ cup butter or margarine, melted
1 cup cream of chicken soup
1 cup chow mein noodles
½ cup shredded cheddar cheese

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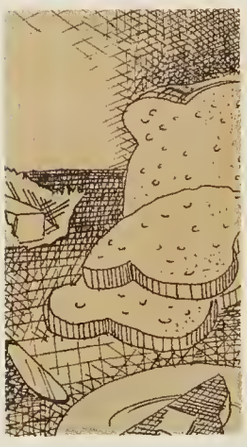

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FRENCH FRIED STRAWBERRIES

Submitted by Claudia G. Gettleson, Raleigh

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1 teaspoon vanilla
1 tablespoon butter, melted
cooking oil (375 degrees)
1-½ cups flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
dash of salt

Dips
whipped cream
powdered sugar (extra fine)
melted chocolate

Wash strawberries, hull, drain and chill. In bowl, beat egg and milk. Stir in sugar, butter and vanilla. Combine flour, baking powder and salt. Stir into egg mixture, beating until smooth. Dip strawberries in batter and fry for 45 seconds or until golden brown. Drain on paper towels. Serve with whipped cream, powdered sugar or melted chocolate.

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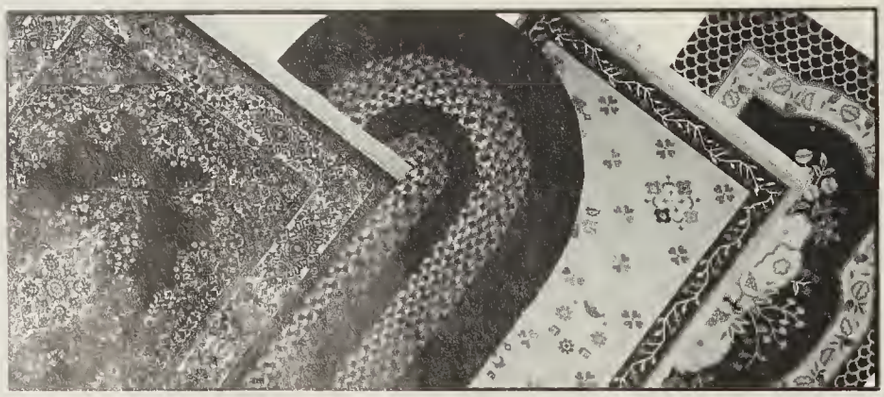

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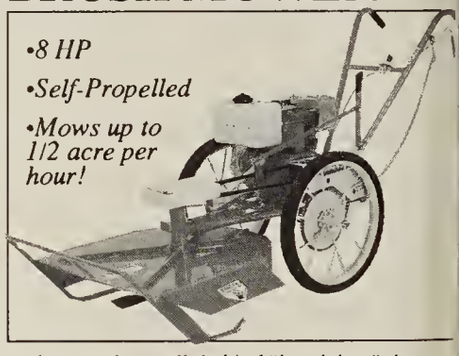

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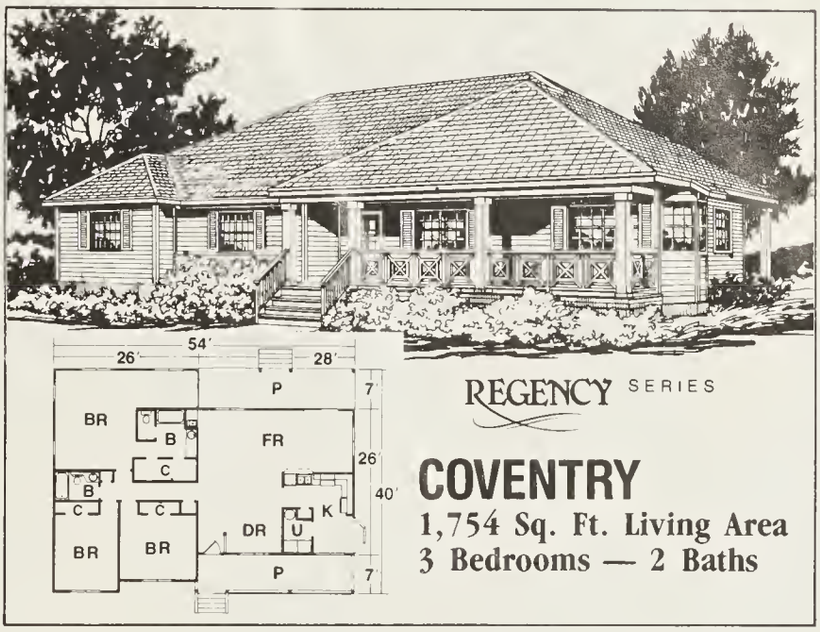

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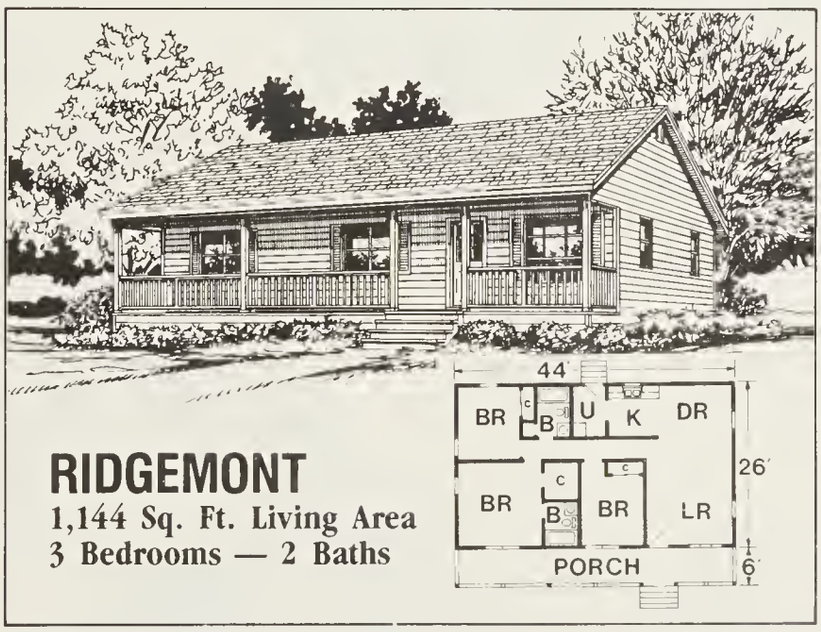

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LAWS COVER FAR MORE THAN GUNS

What's a "concealed weapon"?

BY FRANK JETER JR.

Ever wonder just what you're allowed to do with a weapon to stay on the right side of the North Carolina's "concealed weapons" law?

As you drive along the highways, it's perfectly legal to have a gun rack in your pick-up truck with one or more rifles, shotguns or similar weapons clearly on view in that rack.

It's also quite acceptable under the law to pack a revolver, automatic pistol or even a little derringer — as long as the weapon is in clear view from outside your vehicle.

The key point is visibility. The weapon can be on your dashboard or in clear view on the seat next to you.

What you can't do, according to North Carolina law, is have any weapon of this description hidden inside your clothing, under the seat of your vehicle, or in another concealed position. The offense becomes more pronounced if you have a pistol or perhaps a big knife where it is out of immediate view and also easily accessible to you.

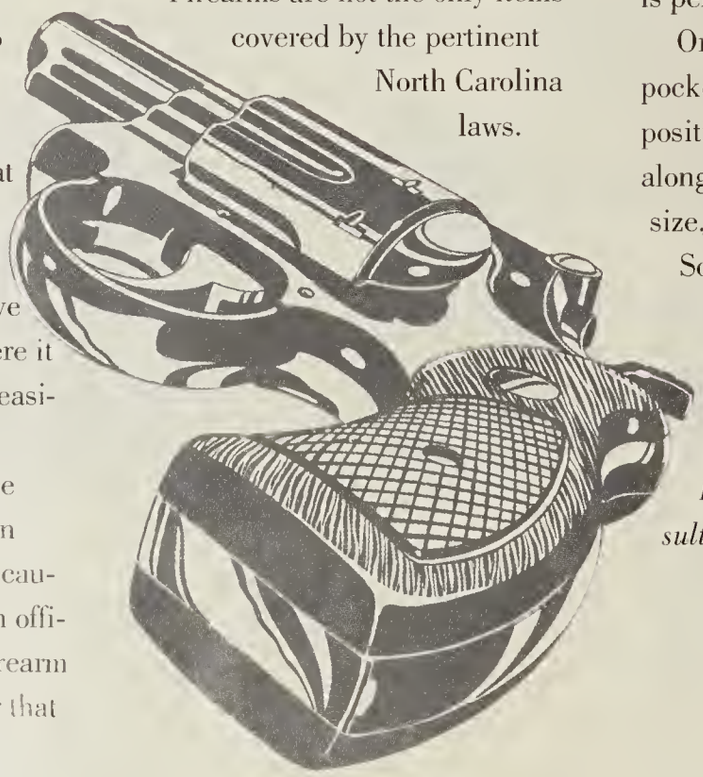
Trooper P.R. Jenkins of the State Highway Patrol, who is stationed in Wake County, offered this word of caution for all firearms fanciers: "If an officer of the law asks if you have a firearm within easy access, don't reach for that gun to show him. Just say that you have one and await further instructions."

He said when a uniformed officer is approaching your vehicle, it's a good idea to keep both hands in view. But don't get out of your vehicle unless you are asked to do so.

Because hunting is popular in all parts of the state, many Tar Heels travel with shotguns or rifles (sometimes both) in the trunks of their cars. That's okay; it's also all right to have a gun in the glove compartment as long as the lid is locked.

Under these conditions the weapon is considered "not readily accessible," according toTrooper Jenkins.

Firearms are not the only items covered by the pertinent North Carolina laws.



Under the heading "Offenses against the Public Peace," the law also says "it shall be unlawful for any person, except when on his own premises, willfully and intentionally to carry concealed about his person any Bowie knife, dirk, dagger, slug shot, loaded cane, metallic knuckles, razor, shurikin, stun gun, pistol, gun or other deadly weapon...."

A loaded cane means an ordinary walking stick that has lead inserted to make one end much heavier. A shurikin is a "Ninja-type, bladed, throwing star," according to the Attorney General's Office.

There are some exceptions to the general law. As noted, an exception is made for anyone on their own premises. Members of the armed forces are exempt "when in discharge of their official duties . . . acting under orders requiring them to carry arms and weapons."

Full-time, sworn law enforcement officers can bear arms, including concealed weapons, when on duty or off duty, provided that written regulations have been filed with the clerk of superior court in the county where the duty is performed.

Ordinary citizens can carry a simple pocket knife if it's carried in a closed position. But switch-blade knives, along with those of unusually large size, are not allowed.

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Besides the "And She Said" ensemble shown here for that preteen in the family, other projects include "Bunny Night Shirt Ensemble," complete with matching panties, socks and pajama bag; "Just Peachy," a coordinated peach-colored sweater, shoes and earrings; or "Treasure Chest," and aqua sweat shirt illustrated with an under-the-sea motif complete with mermaid. There are 12 projects in all. Materials used to create these designs include paint, glue, glitter, transfer pencils and brushes.

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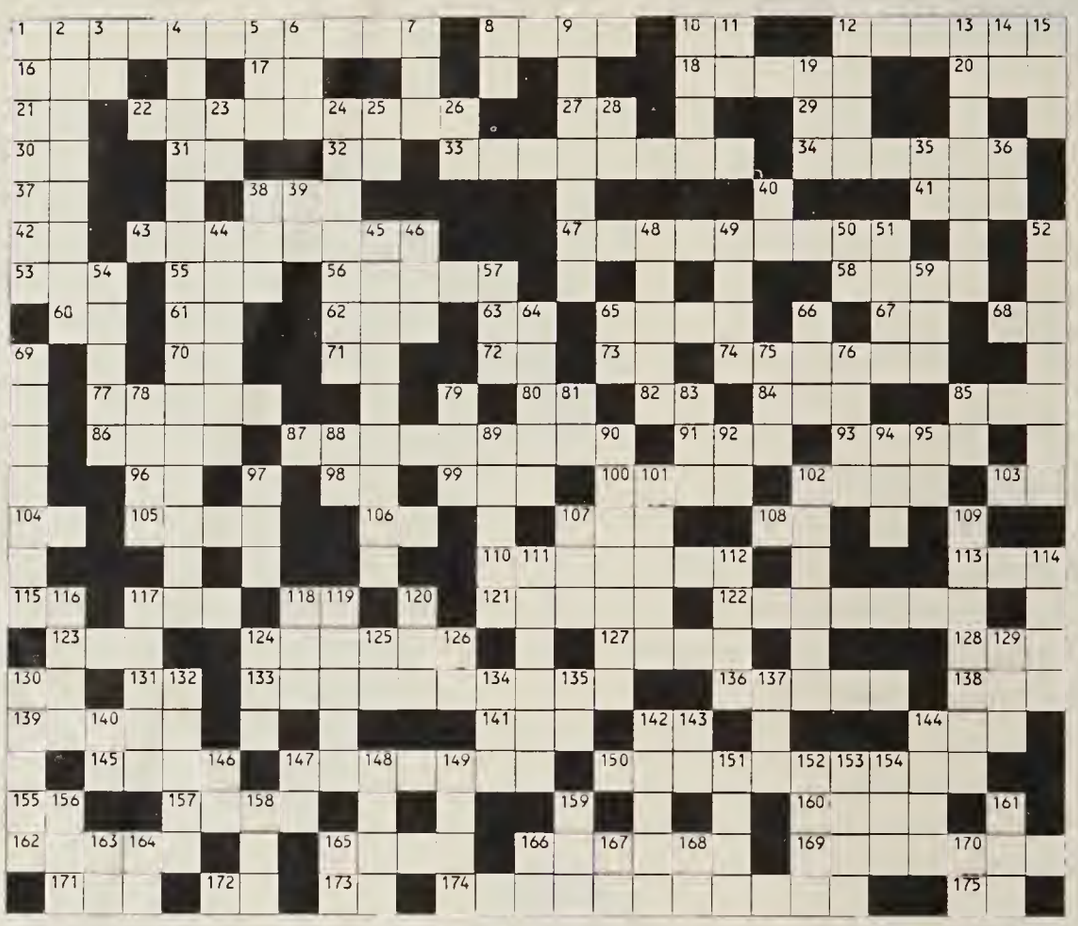

ACROSS

1. Measures heat or cold
8. ____ Code
10. Abbr.: identification
12. Egyptian god
16. Boring routine
17. Abbr.: doctor of humanities
18. Wanderer
20. Abbr.: Estimated Time of Arrival
21. Symbol for iridium
22. To annoy persistently
27. Abbr.: Roman Catholic
29. To proceed
30. Abbr.: post office
31. Symbol for cerium
32. Abbr.: height
33. A turn upon an axis
34. A command from God
37. Abbr.: long playing
38. Type of drink
41. Lubricant
42. Abbr.: electrical engineer
43. Parody on a lofty work or theme
47. Luminous substance believed to emanate from spiritual medium
53. 'Tit for ___
55. Wrath
56. Tease
58. Young horse
60. Nevada
61. Not AM
62. Centimeter-gram-second unit of energy
63. Abbr.: each
65. Tug
67. Opposite of yes
68. Abbr.: Associated Press
70. Goddess of fertility
71. Abbr.: registered nurse
72. Biblical abbreviation: Daniel
73. Third person singular, present tense of be
74. Teacher
77. Opposite of micro
80. Symbol for titanium
82. Symbol for technetium
84. Prefix meaning new
85. Animal pelts are of this material
86. Remain
87. Necessary
91. Imitate
93. Fiddled while Rome burned
96. Abbr.: overtime
98. Quiet!
99. Shaped like a bow
100. Promise
102. Rip
103. "___ You Like It"
104. Abbr.: doctor
105. Belonging to me
106. ___ Sullivan
107. Put a hot dog in this
108. Symbol for beryllium
110. Device used to clean out drains and pipes
113. Short for ampere
115. Minnesota
117. Abbr.: English
118. Type of communications radio
121. Short for sergeant
122. Invasions on one's territory
123. Miss Gabor
124. Thwarted
127. Therefore
128. ___ La La
130. Abbr.: physical education
131. Georgia
133. Not even
136. More than two
138. Scottish version of "John"
139. Snake: puff _____
141. Electric ___
142. Prefix meaning to put into
144. What you do to a disabled vehicle
145. Slang for food
147. Made safe
150. Alteration or adjustment
155. Physics abbreviation: candlepower
157. Sonic ____
160. Not found
162. Hebrew minor prophet
165. Raw minerals
166. Dealer in textiles
169. Idiotic
171. Used in expressing wonder
172. Postscript
173. Abbr.: head
174. Regional
175. Symbol for element ytterbium

DOWN

1. A group of three of one kind
2. Pertaining to Europe
3. Montana
4. To equip with electric power
5. Short for advertisements
6. Article
7. Suffix meaning most
8. Not PM
9. Infuriated
10. Preposition meaning interior
11. Take action
12. Smell
13. State of being actual
14. Thing
15. ____ Francisco
19. Days gone by
23. Symbol for rhenium
24. U.S President _____ A. Arthur
25. Utah
26. Symbol for erbium
28. Connecticut
35. Abbr.: company
36. Nickname for elevated train
38. Abbr.: avenue
39. French article
40. Symbol for chlorine
44. Arsenal
45. Discolored, as in silver
46. One of the four ages of the cycle of history (Hindu)
48. Confidence in another's integrity
49. ____ Sunday
50. Abbr.: Spain
51. Monaural
52. Relates or tells about
54. Relationship between two groups
57. ____ Turner
59. Goes with neither
64. Prank
65. 3.14
66. Not two
69. Ennui
75. Abbr.: east north east
76. Certain sound
78. Molecules are composed of these
79. Acronym: ribonucleic acid
81. Iowa
83. These go meow
85. Abbr.: field officer
88. Abbr.: steamship
89. Devices for catching and holding animals
90. Lolled
92. Measure of acid
94. Consume
95. Abbr.: railroad
97. Small, round vegetable
101. Ire
102. Fear
107. A persistently clinging or nettlesome pers
109. Well-fortified position
111. Cut into, as with surgical instrum
112. Wild or turbuler disturbance created by peop
114. Schedule
116. Requisite
117. Excited
118. Not pro
119. Holy book
120. Barbara ___ Ge
124. Enjoyment
125. Louisiana
126. Abbr.: district attorney
129. Uncooked
130. To make dry
132. Island of the Netherland Antillies
134. Born
135. Nickname for elevated train
137. Chapeau
140. Abbr.: decigram
142. _____ of Milan
143. North America
144. Dorothy's dog
146. Abbr.: body od
147. Abbr.: small
148. Birthday _____
149. _____ area
151. Sound from contented cats
152. ____ Mater
153. Device used for repair
154. Abbr.: Israel
156. Loud noise
158. Abbr.: Organiza of American Sta
159. Opposite of his
161. Babies wear the to keep their clothes clean
163. Consequently
164. Abbr.: enlisted woman
165. Ohio
166. Not Mrs.
167. Rhode Island
168. Prefix meaning earliest
170. New York

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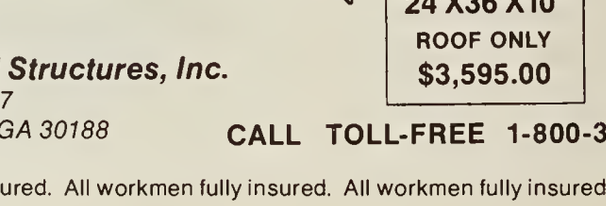

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The 27-member council is composed of statewide and regional safety professionals representing 38 states. It evaluates safety policies and procedures and makes recommendations to the policy-making body of the program, which is administered by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

BOOK BRINGS IREDELL GRAVESTONES TO LIFE

There are enough stories in local cemeteries to fill a book. And The Genealogical Society of Iredell County did just that.

Time Is, Time Was is a 160-page hardbound book of history, anecdotes, and 150 photographs of Iredell County gravestones.

Researched and written by Pat Crooks and genealogist Mildred J. Miller, both of the county's Historic Properties Commission, the book focuses on burial customs, memorial styles, epitaphs, and carvings.

One chapter explains gravestone rubbing, and another lists details of abandoned cemeteries.

The book is available by mail order for $25 plus $3 for postage and handling, and five percent sales tax for North Carolina residents. Checks payable to the Genealogical Society of Iredell County should be sent to P.O. Box 946, Statesville, N.C. 28677. Phone: 704-585-6864.

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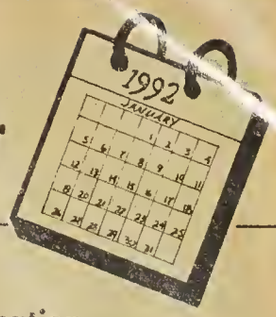

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May			
8	Harkers Island	Registration: 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting: 7 p.m.	Harkers Island Elementary School
16	Halifax, Enfield	Registration: 9 a.m. Business Meeting: 11 a.m.	Enfield Middle School, Enfield
June			
13	Blue Ridge, Lenoir	Registration: 8 a.m. Business Meeting: 9:30 a.m.	Farthing Auditorium, ASU Campus, Boone
19	Randolph, Asheboro	Registration: 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting: 8 p.m.	Southwest Randolph Middle School, Asheboro

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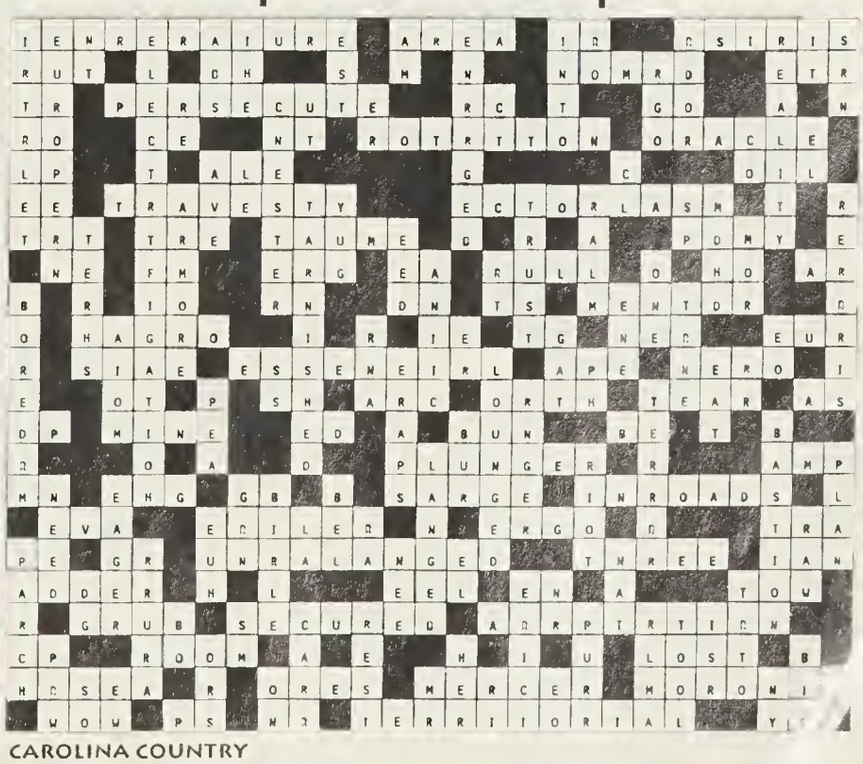

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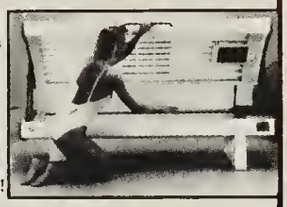

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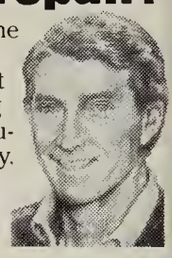

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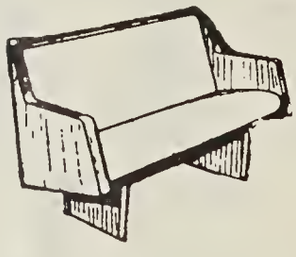

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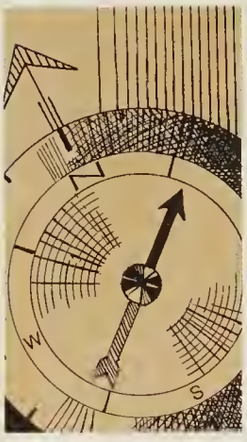

ART IN BLOWING ROCK . . . BLUE RIDGE CRAFTS . . . FOLK MUSIC AT WARREN WILSON COLLEGE

MEMORIAL CONCERT SLATED AT ASHE CENTER

Friends of the late fiddler Albert Hash will perform with several bands from North Carolina and Virginia at the Albert Hash Memorial Festival in Ashe County, June 20.

Hash died in 1983 after a long career as a fiddler and fiddle maker. He lived in Whitetop, Va. and taught music at Wilkes Community College.

The concert begins at noon and concludes at dark at the Lansing Elementary School ballfield. Admission is $3. Proceeds benefit an Albert Hash Memorial planned for the Ashe Civic Center.

For more information, contact the Ashe Civic Center office at Box 1102, West Jefferson, N.C. 28694. Phone: 919-246-4483.

BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN CRAFT FAIR

The 15th annual Blue Ridge Mountain Craft Fair is set for June 27 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Sparta's Crouse House Park.

The fair also features music, entertainment and food. It is organized by the Alleghany Arts Council.

For more information, contact the arts council at Box 962, Sparta, N.C. 28675. Phone: 919-327-2578.

TURKEY RECIPE CONTEST SEEKS SUBMISSIONS

Send your favorite turkey recipes to Raleigh by June 1 and you may be eligible to prepare the dish at a statewide cook-off featuring $1,900 in prizes.

The North Carolina Poultry Federation will choose five finalists for an expense-paid trip to the cook-off September 17 in Raeford. The first-place winner will receive an $800 prize. The remaining prizes will be divided among the other four finalists.

Recipes must use at least a pound of fresh or cooked turkey and yield four to eight servings.

Entry forms are available but not required. Recipes may be submitted, one to a page, along with the name, address and telephone number of the entrant on each page.

Mail recipes by June 1 to Turkey Contest, N.C. Poultry Federation, 4020 Barrett Drive, Suite 102, Raleigh, N.C. 27609.

"SWORD OF PEACE" OPENS

The outdoor historical drama "Sword of Peace" opens its 19th season June 25 at the woodland amphitheater in southwest Alamance County. The season runs through August 8.

"Sword of Peace" is set in the Revolutionary War period and tells of the struggles of Quakers to maintain their peaceful ways in the midst of war. It was written by William Hardy and is directed by Frank Wadas under the sponsorship of the Snow Camp Historical Drama Association.

The association will stage two other productions this summer.

"Little Red Riding Hood," a show for children, will be performed Wednesdays from July 1 through August 5. And the Broadway musical "Mame" will be on stage August 12-15 and August 19-22.

The "Sword of Peace" productions benefit the Snow Camp association's work to preserve the historic buildings and heritage of central North Carolina.

For more information, contact Snow Camp Historical Drama Association at Box 535, Snow Camp, N.C. 27349. Phone: 919-376-6948.

BLOWING ROCK ART SERIES BEGINS MAY 16

The Blowing Rock "Art in the Park" series begins its 30th season May 16 in the Watauga County town's park on Main Street.

The series includes seven exhibitions of juried art and crafts in Blowing Rock Memorial Park.

Other shows are scheduled for June 13, July 18, August 15, September 12 and October 3.

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Yachtsman Barclay Warburton III founded the American Sail Training Association on "Black Pearl" because the vessel's size provides a simple training ground for sailing with an otherwise complex rigging.

Cadet applications are due June 1. Application forms are available from Jane Wolff at the North Carolina Maritime Museum, 315 Front St., Beaufort, N.C. 28516. Phone: 919-728-7317.

WORKSHOPS SET IN FOLK MUSIC AND ARTS

Warren Wilson College in Asheville will host The Swannanoa Gathering, a new series of summer workshops in folk music and arts.

Three week-long sessions will be presented in the Craggy Mountain Range valley called "Swannanoa," an Indian word for "land of beauty."

The July 12-18 session concentrates on Scottish and bluegrass music and traditions. The July 19-25 session focuses on "old-time music and dance" of southern mountain origins. The July 27-August 2 session is on songwriting and performing.

Companion classes in paper marbling, bookbinding, fiber arts and woodcarving also will be offered.

Tuition for each week is $200. On-campus housing and meals cost $140 per week.

For a catalog, contact The Swannanoa Gathering, Warren Wilson College, Box 5299, Asheville, N.C. 28778. Phone: 704-298-5099.

CENTER CELEBRATES GUILFORD COUNTY'S HERITAGE

Colonial North Carolina history comes alive at the newly-opened Colonial Heritage Center at Tannenbaum Park in Greensboro.

The center commemorates the late 18th century era of today's Guilford County. The site includes exhibits, an auditorium, historical library, gift shop and facilities for living history demonstrations and the re-enactment of the famous Battle of Guilford Courthouse.

Tannenbaum Park is the site of the Hoskins-Wyrick House, built about 1778 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The house was the focal point of the British assault in Guilford County and served as a hospital for the wounded of both sides following the action.

The Colonial Heritage Center is located at New Garden Road and Battleground Avenue in Greensboro. Its hours are Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

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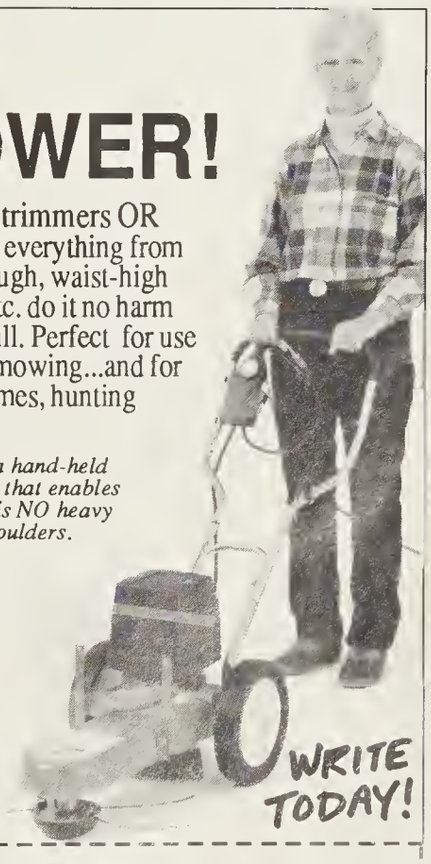

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Lunch will be "a typical Chinese meal," says Sylvia E. Tippett of Rasland Farm, and will be accompanied by demonstrations on cooking egg rolls and other Chinese foods.

The pre-registration fee for the classes and lunch is $35. The fee for classes alone is $28.

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There are more than 25 titles on these topics, and the Historical Publications Sections has reduced prices on them by at least 50 percent.

To receive a free price list and directions for ordering, write Historical Publications Section (N), Archives and History, 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh, N.C. 27601-2807. Phone: 919-733-7442.

HOT TIME IN MOORESVILLE MAY 15-16

Organizers say the 10th annual Lake Norman Festival in Iredell County will be the biggest ever. While last year's drew some 15,000 people, this year about 25,000 are expected.

The festival takes place May 15-16 in downtown Mooresville.

The Friday night schedule includes a beach jam and shag contest with all dancing in the streets.

Saturday will see Main Street bustling with a children's fair until 5 p.m., tethered hot-air balloon rides, food booths, and a huge craft sale.

Entertainment will be offered on two separate stages and includes local talent contest winners, clogging, blue grass bands, square dancing, gospel singers, and live radio broadcasts.

Special attractions include the Gwaltney Pig, a Brahma bull ride, the Budweiser racing boat and dragster, the Natural Light Girls, and a golf analyzer clinic.

Chairing the event is Billie Johnson, who can be reached at 704-663-5533.

FOCUS ON MUSEUM OF ART BUILDING

A new year-long exhibit at the North Carolina Museum of Art showcases the museum building itself.

"From the Ground Up: Experiencing Architecture" invites visitors to see how aspects of architecture influence a building's use and appeal, indoors and outdoors.

North Carolina Museum of Art

The exhibit includes a scale model of the 9-year-old museum, as well as historical photographs of the site, computer-generated design graphics, construction materials, and a video presentation. The art museum was designed by Edward Durell Stone and Associates of New York and Holloway-Reeves of Raleigh.

A companion exhibit features photographs, drawings and models of 24 award-winning buildings, 22 of which are in North Carolina. Both shows will be open through March 7, 1993.

For information about films, lectures and family-oriented events associated with the exhibit, contact the museum at 2110 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, N.C. 27607.

SEE OLD HOMES AND ANTIQUES IN BEAUFORT

Beaufort's annual Old Homes Tour is slated for Friday and Saturday, June 26 and 27 in the Carteret County waterfront town.

It is held in conjunction with the Beaufort Antiques Show, which will be presented at the Crystal Coast Civic Center in nearby Morehead City.

The homes tour will visit eight private historic homes and two new homes which replicate historic Beaufort houses. Also on the itinerary are the historic houses, commercial and municipal buildings of the Beaufort Historic Site, as well as the Old Burying Ground, four churches and 12 other sites.

The tour is available from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

The antiques show hours are June 26 from 5 to 9 p.m., June 27 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and June 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The sponsoring organization, Beaufort Historical Association, expects 40 dealers to exhibit and sell antiques.

Old Homes Tour tickets cost $10 for both days.

For more information, contact the association at Box 1709, Beaufort, N.C. 28516. Phone 919-728-5225.

COUNTY NIGHTS AT "HORN IN THE WEST" IN BOONE

The outdoor drama "Horn in the West" is offering discounted tickets for special "County Nights" throughout the summer.

The 1992 County Nights allow adult and children residents of the guest county or counties to attend designated weekend performances at half price. Some dates also offer the discount to residents of guest states.

Reservations must be made at least a day in advance, and proof of residency is required when claiming tickets the night of the performance.

Opening night is June 19, when the welcome mat will be out for residents of Watauga County, the home of the play's outdoor amphitheater in Boone.

For reservations, the County Nights schedule or further information, call "Horn in the West" in Boone at 704-264-2120.

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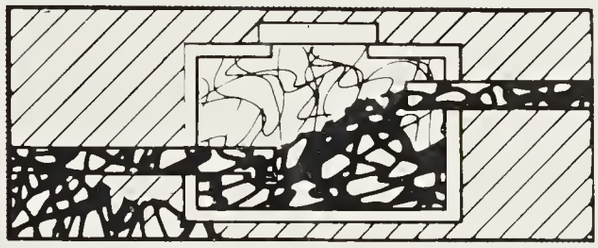

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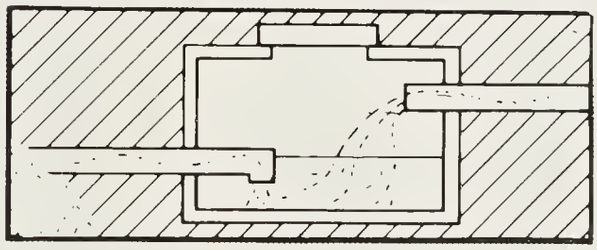

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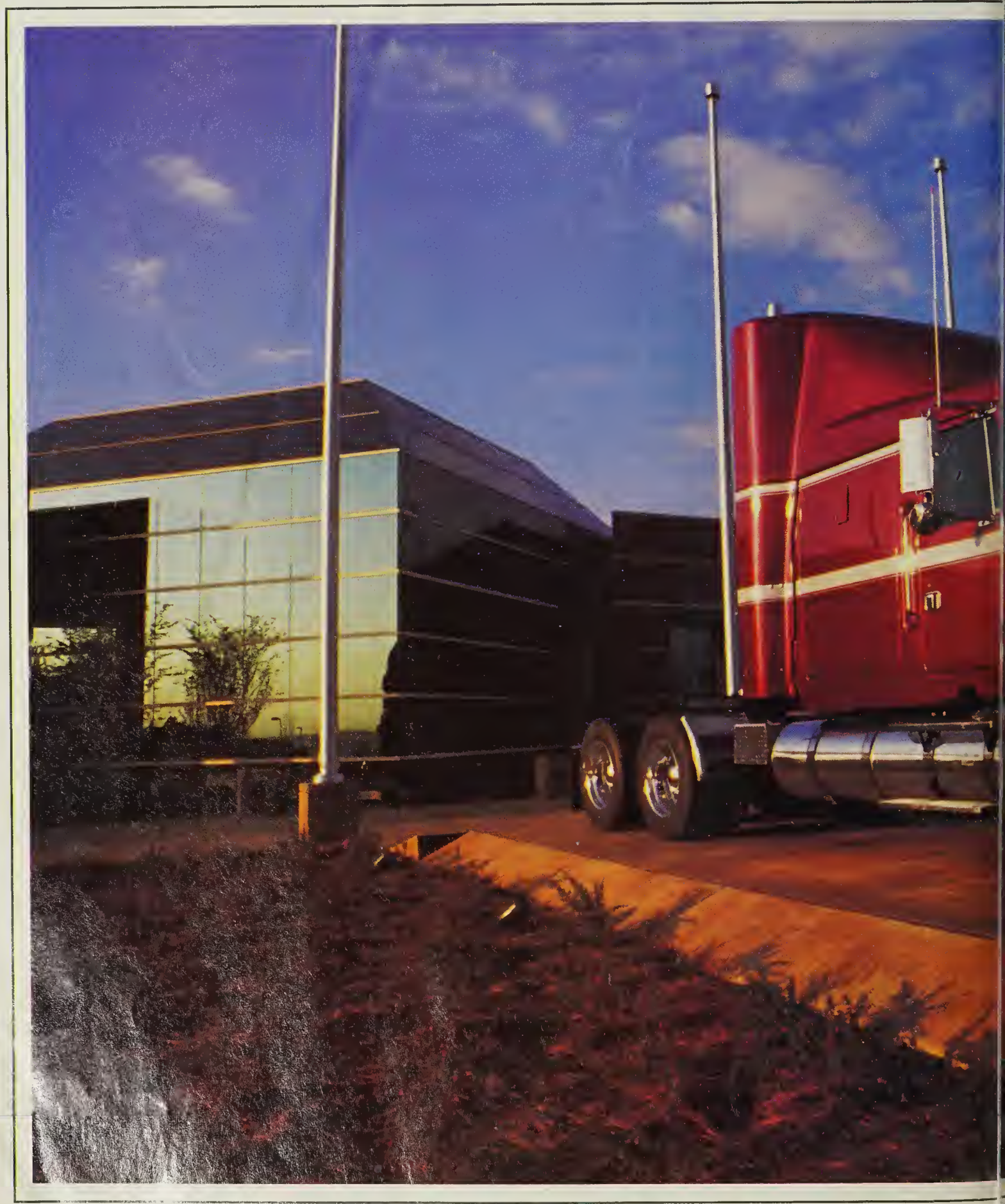

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HANK'S GARDENING GUIDE

BY HANK SMITH

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FEW COOL DAYS REMAINING TO COMPLETE THE SPRING PLANTING OF BULBS, SUMMER ANNUALS, AND VEGETABLES.

SUMMER COMPOST

Shredded leaves, hedge trimmings, grass clippings, vegetable garden wastes — plant parts that accumulate all summer — make valuable soil conditioners when added to flower and vegetable beds this fall.

You'll want to choose an out-of-the-way location for the compost pile as it may appear a bit untidy in the landscape. Place the materials in layers, add a few shovelfuls of soil and a bit of nitrogen fertilizer between layers.

Keep the compost damp and turn it occasionally for aeration and more uniform decomposition.

By late autumn the compost should be ready for adding to areas to be tilled. Such a compost is very beneficial to the soil. It's less expensive than buying peat or other organic material.

GARDEN CHECKLIST

- ✔ As summer heat destroys pansy plants, pull them out and replace with low-growing annuals.
- ✔ Prune shrubs that have completed flowering.
- ✔ If your lawn is in need of lime, apply it now. Wait until fall to do major lawn improvements.
- ✔ Keep newly set plants watered.
- ✔ Fertilize roses.
- ✔ Pull or hoe out weeds as they appear, before they have a chance to multiply. If applying a weed-killer chemical, apply with care.
- ✔ There's still time to divide perennial phlox, shasta daisy, and hardy asters.
- ✔ Fertilize asparagus beds with one-fourth cup of 10-10-10.
- ✔ Move houseplants outside for the summer. Give them a shady spot, because they're tender and can suffer sunscald.
- ✔ When possible, water plants early in the morning, with a soaker nozzle.
- ✔ Examine a newly mown blade of grass. If it has a jagged end, the mower needs sharpening.
- ✔ If clumps have become crowded, dig, divide and move spring flowering bulbs such as daffodils and tulips.

BEDDING PLANTS

Continue to sow seeds of coleus, portulaca, cosmos, marigold, morning glory, four-o'clock, sunflower, zinnia, and gourds. Summer-flowering bulbs and tubers can be planted. Examples: achimenes, dahlias, cannas, tuberoses.

If extra seeds are left after planting, they may be held over for next season with little loss of germination power. Seal dry seeds in glass jars with airtight lids. Keep jars in a refrigerator or cool basement where temperature will range between 35 and 55 degrees.

LOOKING TOWARD WINTER

With the lush growth of summer, we sometimes forget those plants that add much to the winter landscape scene. Now's the time to fertilize the winter color-bearing shrubs. An application of balanced commercial fertilizer at this time will help them to set a good crop of berries.

Among those that will benefit from a feeding are pyracantha (firethorn), nandina, and the holly group (both evergreen and deciduous).

If nandinas don't hold blooms and berries as they should, give each two-year or older plant a cup of superphosphate.

FERTILIZE BLUEBERRIES

Established blueberry plants should be fertilized this month. Apply about one-half cup per plant of fertilizer formulated for acid-loving plants — such as azaleas and camellias.

Be sure to water thoroughly after fertilizing; then water regularly throughout the growing season.

WOODY PLANTS

Woody plants should be prepared for the summer season ahead. Soil which is compacted around plants should be reworked; apply an organic mulch such as compost, crushed bark, or pine needles. Mulch ensures proper aeration and drainage. Carefully inspect trees, shrubs, lawn grasses, and bedding plants for signs of insect damage.

EGETABLES

Now that the soil has armed up, sow eeds of okra, ish lima beans, quash, and if ere is space, mpkins.

Transplants to be set now are eggplant, ion, tomato, pepper, and sweet potato. egetable transplants, especially tomatoes, metimes are cut off at ground level by tworms.

These dull, greasy-looking worms usual- feed at night or on cloudy days. An ef- tive control is a stiff paper collar ound the stem to prevent the worm aching the plant. Milk cartons make od collars if cut into three-inch sections. ik about an inch into the ground with upper part extending about two inches ove the ground.

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pray each week for control of ckspot and dew. Feed and er regularly for tinued growth l bloom. Keep e bed well lched.

When cutting oms for use in- rs, select flower ls on which a outer petals e begun to un- . Make a slant- cut just beneath af. Plunge im- liately into a of water. It's to cut blooms in the day; ear- orning is the nd best choice me to cut.

INCREASE AZALEAS

Now through July, azalea plantings can be increased by rooting cuttings. Select new growth which has slightly mature wood at the base. Make cuttings about four inches long; strip leaves from lower half. Treat the cut ends with hormone powder (rooting hormone) available at garden supply stores.

Insert cuttings into a mixture of one-half sand and one-half peat. Leave about one-half cutting above the soil line. Keep damp and shaded.

In a few weeks, roots should develop. Then transplant to pots or cans. Or set new plants in a permanent spot in the yard.

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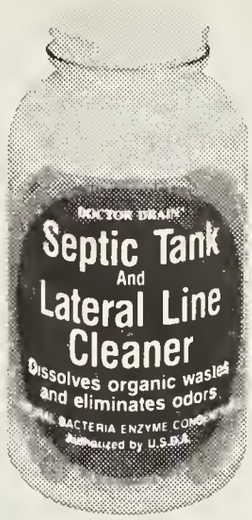

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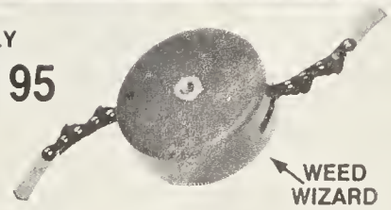

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NCEMC ANNUAL MEETING

REPORTS ON THE 1992 ANNUAL MEETING OF NORTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION.

3 STUDENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGH EMC PROGRAMS

High school seniors from Halifax, Franklin and Harnett Counties have been awarded scholarships to pursue college degrees beginning next fall.

The three students were selected for the awards as a result of their participation in the 1991 Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington. The scholarships were presented by the North Carolina statewide organization of electric co-ops and its Women's Advisory Committee during the organization's 1992 annual meeting.

The women's organization presented its Gwyn B. Price Youth Tour Scholarship to Shantres Clark, daughter of Sherman and Loretta Clark of Route 2, Scotland Neck. She represented Halifax Electric Membership Corporation (EMC) on last summer's tour.

The $1,000 scholarship bears the name of an Ashe County man who helped spearhead the development of the electric co-op program in North Carolina.

The women's organization presented its $500 Katie Bunch Memorial Scholarship to Russell Brodie, son of Lamonia and Rosalind Brodie of Route 6, Louisburg. He represented Wake EMC, Wake Forest, on the tour.

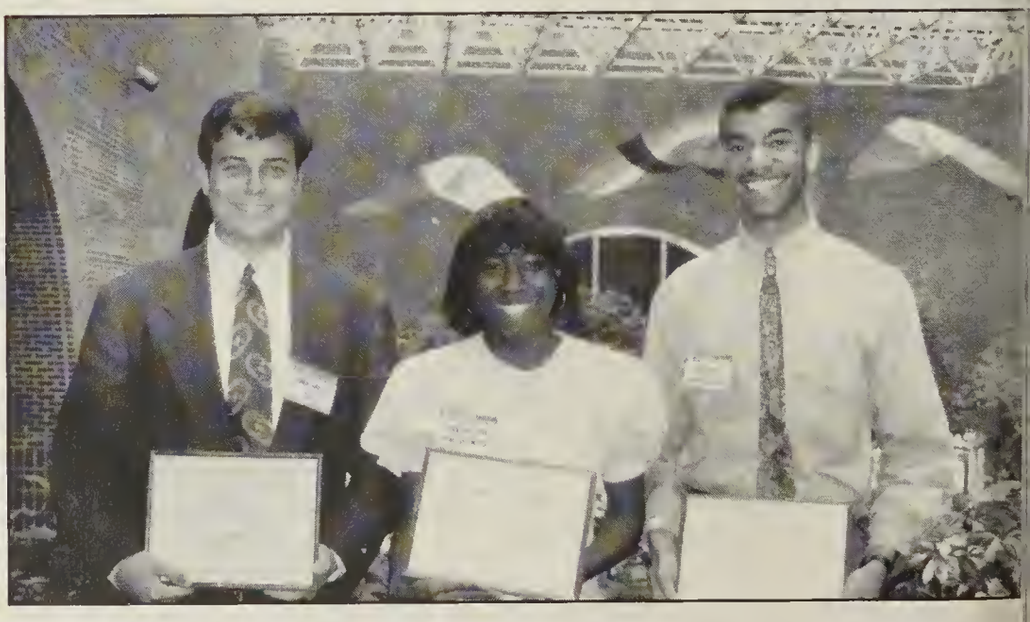
The award is named in honor of the late Katie Bunch, a charter member of the Women's Committee at Pee Dee EMC, Wadesboro. She was active in co-op programs for nearly 20 years and held local and statewide women's committee offices.

Both scholarships are awarded annually to students selected from among participants in the previous year's tour. Winners are chosen on the basis of scholastic achievement, financial need and extra-curricular activities in school and in the community.

The statewide EMC organization awarded a $750 scholarship to Robert Gray, son of James and Diane Gray of Route 4, Dunn. He represented South River EMC, Dunn, on the 1991 tour.

He received the award in recognition of his work as North Carolina's representative on the National Youth Board of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. He was chosen for the board post from among the 1991 tourists.

About 40 students are chosen by the EMCs across the state to participate in the week-long summer trip, with all expenses covered by the sponsoring co-ops.



Scholarship winners, from left, are Robert Gray, Shantres Clark and Russell Brodie.

22 EMC DIRECTORS CITED FOR "MERITORIOUS SERVICE"

A total of 22 directors from 15 Electric Membership Corporations (EMC) have been honored for their years of service to North Carolina's rural electric program.

Each director was presented with a plaque recognizing his or her years of "meritorious service to rural elecrification."

The directors are listed below, by EMCs:

Blue Ridge, Lenoir: Oren Teague of Route Granite Falls, for 25 years and Charity Gambi of Sparta, for 15 Years.

Cape Hatteras, Buxton: Jack S. Gray of Bu ton and Herbert L. Oden of Hatteras, both fo 15 years.

Central, Sanford: James B. Brooks of Rout 2, Siler City, 30 years.

Crescent, Statesville: Eugene Dellinger of Denver and Jimmy R. Horton, Cleveland, both for 25 years; and J. Adrian Dobson of Route 11, Statesville, 15 years.

Davidson, Lexington: C. Richard Watts of Route 1, Walnut Cove, 15 years.

French Broad, Marshall: I. E. Clevenger of Burnsville, 20 years and Carl O. Ramsey of Route 1, Flag Pond, TN, 15 years.

Harkers Island: Leland W. Yeomans of Harkers Island, 15 years.

Lumbee River, Red Springs: J. W. Hunt of Route 1, Fairmont, 20 years.

Pee Dee, Wadesboro: J. C. Thompson of Route 3, Mt. Gilead, 35 years.

Pitt and Greene, Farmville: J. J. Grimsley of Route 1, Ayden and Mark W. Mozingo of Route 1, Farmville, both for 30 years.

Randolph, Asheboro: Willie Comer of Route 1, Seagrove, 20 years.

South River, Dunn: Leroy Autry of Route 2, Autryville, 20 years.

Surry-Yadkin, Dobson: The late Jack Messer of Route 1, Traphill, was honored posthumously for his 20 years of service. He died in May, 1991.

Union, Monroe: Boyd C. Haigler of Monroe, 30 years.

Wake, Wake Forest: Earl Smith of Oxford and Dan E. Woody of Route 3, Oxford, both for 30 years.

THREE DIRECTORS ELECTED TO TOP OFFICES IN STATEWIDE EMC ORGANIZATION

Co-op directors from Alleghany, Onslow and Halifax Counties and six co-op managers have been elected to top offices of the North Carolina statewide organization of electric co-ops for 1992-93.

Brown

The officers were elected to head the three boards that govern the operation of the Raleigh-based organization. The elections came during the organization's 1992 annual meeting.

The officers are:

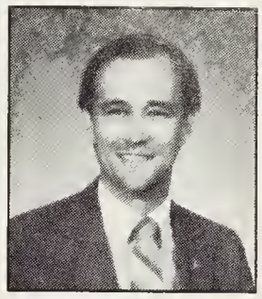
N. C. Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC): Eugene W. Brown Jr., manager of Roanoke EMC, Rich Square, president; Bob L. McDuffie, manager of Randolph EMC, Asheboro, vice president; and Lloyd Lee, manager of Tideland EMC, Pantego, secretary-treasurer.

McElheney

N. C. Association of Electric Cooperatives (NCAEC): J.Ronald McElheney, Jones-Onslow EMC, Jacksonville, president; Morrell Jones Jr., of Enfield, a director of Halifax EMC, Enfield, vice president; and Charles R. Tolley, manager of French Broad EMC, Marshall, secretary-treasurer.

McKnight

Tarheel Electric Membership Association (TEMA): Martha McKnight of Sparta, a director of Blue Ridge EMC, Lenior, president; Hugh L. Batts of Hampstead, a director of Jones-Onslow EMC, Jacksonville, vice president; and Ronnie E. Hunt, manager of Lumbee River EMC, Red Springs, secretary-treasurer.



Sloan

NCEMC is a generating and transmission co-op that provides bulk power to local EMCs. NCAEC is a general trade association providing various services to the EMCs. TEMA is a central purchasing and materials supply operation.

Meanwhile, two co-op directors and a co-op manager were elected to the 9-member TEMA board. They are Roy Stamey of Canton, a director of Haywood EMC, Waynesville; Alice E. Wilson of Tarboro, a director of Edgecombe-Martin County EMC, Tarboro and R.B. Sloan Jr., executive vice president of Crescent EMC, Statesville.

Leroy Autry of Route 2, Autryville, a director of South River EMC, Dunn, was re-elected to serve a three-year term on the TEMA board.

McDuffie

Sloan was also re-elected for a one-year term as chairman of the North Carolina rural electric program's political action committee, the Rural Electric Action Program (REAP).

Aside from his duties as CEO at Crescent EMC, Sloan is chairman of the board of the N.C. Rural Electrification Authority, a state agency that monitors co-op operations and reviews loan applications before they are submitted to the Rural Electrification Administration in Washington.

Other REAP officers who will serve new

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OUR SALUTED FOR SERVICE TO TAR HEEL CO-OPS

A retired manager of Central Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), Sanford, has been cited for his 45 years of service to the North Carolina rural electric program.

L.Reid Harris, who retired in January after 34 years as the co-op's chief executive officer, was one of four EMC managers who were honored for their career service in rural electrification during the 1992 annual meeting of the statewide EMC organization.

The awards recognize the managers' entire career in the program.

Harris was the second Tar Heel co-op manager to complete 45 years of service. The first was Dorris B. White, manager of Albemarle EMC, Hertford, who achieved the mile-stone one more than a year ago.

Harris joined Central EMC in 1947 as bookkeeper-office manager and became manager 10 years later.

All four honorees received certificates of "meritorious service" saluting their contributions to the co-op movement.

The three other managers honored were Bob L. McDuffie of Randolph EMC, Asheboro, for 30 years; Gary A. Whitener of Rutherford EMC, Forest City, 20 years; and Ronnie E. Hunt of Lumbee River EMC, Red Springs, 15 years.

Meanwhile, two other co-op managers and a co-op director were cited for their service to the statewide organization as board presidents. They each received a plaque recognizing them for their work during the past year.

They were Eugene W. Brown Jr., manager of Roanoke EMC, Rich Square, who was president of the board of the N.C. Electric Membership Corporation; H.Eugene Clayborne, manager of Carteret-Craven EMC, Morehead City, who was president of the board of the N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives; and Richard H. Johnson, a director of Pee Dee EMC, Wadesboro, who was president of the board of the Tarheel Electric Membership Association.

JOURNAL

BY OWEN BISHOP

CAN CAROLINA BLUEBIRDS TALK?

BLUEBIRDS REVISITED

More than a year later, many of our readers continue to write us about our two-part series on bluebirds. Some of these letters describe their own experiences in enticing the birds to nest on their property. Others pass along questions inspired by the series.

We've tried to provide an answer to all of these questions but we've been unable to find an answer for one question that has been raised several times: "Where can I get one of those log bluebird boxes shown in photo you used?"

Judy Hubers of Route 1, Pantego, shot the photo, which appears on the opposite page, showing a bluebird perched on one of the log boxes she has in her backyard. When we posed the question to her, she referred us to a Midwestern handicrafts center that had made her boxes. Unfortunately, the shop was scaling back it operations and would accept no new orders for the boxes.

If you know a source for boxes of this type, please let us know and we'll publish it.

Meanwhile, Heyward H. McKinney, who wrote the series, recently sent us a clever new piece about his favorite subject. This time, the retired manager of Pee Dee Electric Membership Corporation, Wadesboro, has penned a poem describing a bluebird that "talked" — or did it? We rarely use verse but feel the one on page 37 is worth sharing with our readers.

ARTISTS APPLAUD COVER TREATMENTS

The artists whose work we featured on our cover in January and February both wrote us brief notes in recent weeks, saying they were pleased with our treatment of their paintings.

Linda Kotila of Route 3, Sylva, said our February reproduction of her "Thank You. I Love You." was "beautifully done." Reader response to the notice regarding limited edition prints "has been extremely good!" she added.

Millard "Cotton" Ketchie of Mooresville also reports "gratifying" responses regarding his painting, which was on our January cover.

"We even received a call from a one-time resident of the old farmhouse featured in the painting," he said. "Imagine her surprise when she saw her Valle Crucis home on the cover of your magazine!"

Ketchie said he is originally from Iredell County, where "many of my relatives and friends have enjoyed your magazine and have become faithful readers over the years."

Prints of Ketchie's "Mountain Memories" are $85 each plus six percent state sales tax and $5 for shipping. Send orders to him at Landmark Galleries, 212 N. Main St., Mooresville, N.C. 28115. For telephone orders using major credit cards, call toll-free: 800-842-8604.

Prints of Linda Kotila's "Thank You. I Love You," are $55 each plus six percent state sales tax and $8 for shipping. Send orders to Phylby's Prints, 206 E. Kivett Drive, High Point, N.C. 27260. For phone orders using major credit cards, call (919) 882-1414.

THE BLUEBIRD THAT TALKED

BY HEYWARD H. McKINNEY

"Well, hello," I said to the little bluebird
As he sat on the electric line.
He looked so gentle and friendly.
Like he wanted to be a friend of mine.

"Look," I said, "it's early March,
And it's a wee bit chilly out here.
Perhaps at some other time we can chat,
Sometime when it's warm, like later on in the year."

But his bright little eyes kept looking at me
And his "call" was soft, yet pleading.
It was as though he were trying to talk.
His approach was certainly appealing.

Now you know, and I know, that bluebirds can't talk.
How ridiculous, how absurd, absolutely no way!
But I'll swear as I listened to his plaintive call,
I'm positive I heard, "I'm looking for a place to stay."

So just in case I had heard correctly
I put up a house for my friend.
And then in almost no time at all
He had found a mate and moved in.

Time passed by and my friend and his mate
Built a nest and she laid five eggs therein.
And in a couple of weeks there were five baby birds.
They were as ugly as homemade sin.

But, would you believe, that male bluebird
Was as proud as proud can be.
And while I know it couldn't be true
I'm sure that he said, "Why don't you look in and see."

So I peeped in the box from time to time.
My goodness, how the little ones grew.
Their eyes were bright, they were so alert
And real soon their feathers were blue.

Then one morning the little ones left
I kinda hated to see them go.
But it wasn't so bad, because later they came
And sat on the wire, all in a row.

Before very long they
built a new nest.
To their birdhouse I had
beaten a path.
One day I'm sure I heard
the bluebird say,
"My family could sure use
a bath."

So I got them a birdbath
and they came one and
all.
They were just like a
bunch of young boys
They fluttered, splashed
and ducked their heads
They were much like kids
with new toys.

Things went well with my
feathered friends.
There were three broods
that summer, you see.
And I must admit as I
watched them grow.
They provided much plea-
sure to me.

Judy Hubers' photo of a bluebird on a log box.

I thought I was through with my "talking" friend.
Then came winter's cold along with much snow and sleet.
As he sat on that wire, I'm sure that I heard,
"My family has very little to eat."

"So, he's 'conned' me again," I said to myself
As I ordered mealworms and the ingredients for miracle bread.
"You're going to break me," I said to my friend,
But I'd sure hate to see you and your family not fed.

Then with a melodious note, he fluttered his wings
I knew then he had something to say
And it made me feel warm inside when he said,
"Many thanks, old pal, in my book you're definitely OK."

Now you can believe as you like about bluebird talk.
"Talk" may not always be words, don't you see.
But in my mind there was never a doubt
About what that little bird was saying to me.

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one-year terms are vice chairwoman Mildred Holland, manager of the Lincoln-Gaston District office of Rutherford EMC, and secretary-treasurer James Lee Burney, manager of government relations for the statewide EMC organization.

Randolph EMC's Bob McDuffie was re-elected to a one-year term as the North Carolina representative on the board of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. He has served on the board since 1986. The association, headquartered in Washington, represents about 1,000 co-ops throughout the country.

ATTORNEY WILLIAM T. CRISP HONORED POSTHUMOUSLY

North Carolina's statewide organization of electric co-ops has posthumously honored one of its founding fathers, saluting him for his "devoted" service to the cause of rural electrification.

He is the late William T "Bill" Crisp II, an attorney who was instrumental in establishing the statewide organization of Electric Membership Corporations (EMCs) in the early 1950s. He served as its first executive manager and general counsel.

Crisp, who died in January, left the co-op organization in 1960 to open a fulltime law practice in Raleigh. He eventually served as general counsel for several Tar Heel co-ops and for 38 others throughout the country. He became a nationally recognized expert in co-op utility law and inaugurated various programs through the co-ops' national association to aid cooperatives in dealing with legal matters. He also helped establish co-op organizations in the Philippines and in Brazil.

The North Carolina statewide organization saluted Crisp with a two-part tribute during ceremonies at its 1992 annual meeting.

Its directors had authorized a gift of $2,000 in his honor for a program of particular interest to the lawyer — the national association's International Foundation, which assists rural electrification efforts in developing countries.

They had also adopted a resolution expressing a "profound sense of loss in the passing of William T. Crisp II."

Wayne D. Keller, executive vice president of the statewide organization, who announced the gift during the ceremonies, presented the resolution in the form of a plaque to Crisp's widow, Harriet Wood Crisp of Chapel Hill.

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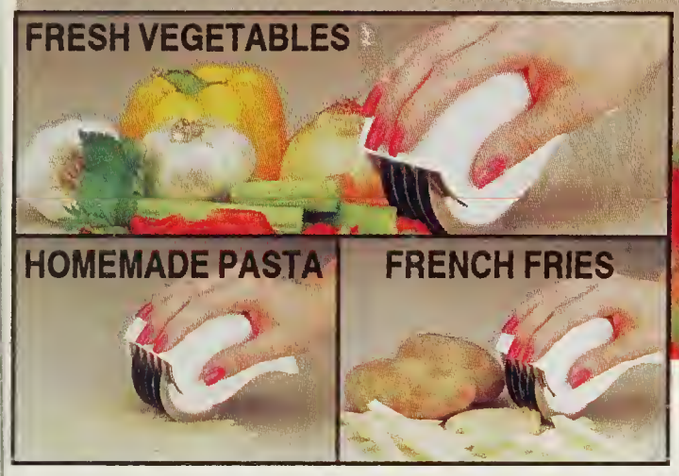

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